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## FACT SHEET

# **SAN DIEGO AWARDED \$451.5 MILLION BY STATE TO FUND CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

*Mayor Sanders Successful in Request to California Transportation Commission Today to Award San Diego Its Fair Share of State Transportation Bond Dollars*

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) earlier this afternoon awarded the San Diego region \$451.5 million in funds for critical highway and road improvement projects. This amount represents an increase of \$149.5 million in the amount previously recommended by the Commission's staff. The increase is due to the involvement and heavily lobbying of Mayor Jerry Sanders, San Diego Councilmember Jim Madaffer and SANDAG Executive Director Gary Gallegos. Earlier this morning, the three spoke before the CTC prior to its funding vote.

The Mayor yesterday traveled to Sacramento, in large part, to meet with legislative leaders to gain their support for the region's CTC funds.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In early February, CTC staff recommended San Diego receive \$304 million in Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funds (CMIA), but after San Diego representatives spoke before the Commission last Tuesday, February 20, that amount was increased to \$402 million. This morning – as the result of heavy lobbying by the mayor and others -- the amount was further increased to \$451.5 million to fund other projects as specified below.

The \$4.5 billion CMIA fund is the first of the \$19.8 billion Proposition 1B transportation funds to be allocated. Prop 1B is the transportation infrastructure bond passed by voters in November of 2006.

### **San Diego Projects to be Funded:**

- Construction of HOV lanes in both directions in the median of I-805 from Carroll Canyon Road to the existing HOV lanes south of I-5; the extension of Carroll Canyon Road under I-805 from Scranton Road to Sorrento Valley Road; and the construction of northerly-direct-access-ramps from Carroll Canyon Road to HOV lanes on I-805.  
Total Cost: \$94,000,000  
**CMIA Funding: \$82,000,000**

### **San Diego Projects to be Funded (con't):**

- Construction of 8 miles of car pool lane on I-15 from Route 163 to Route 56  
Total Cost: \$431,342,000  
**CMIA Funding: \$350,000,000**
- Construction of HOV lanes on I-805 from E Street in Chula Vista to SR54  
**SHOPP Funding: \$14.5 million**

HOV lanes on I-5 from Via de la Valle to Manchester Avenue (project cost of \$73 million) are expected to be paid through later transportation bond monies.

**The \$451.5 million represents early 10% of the total pot of funds allocated by the CTC. This compares favorably with the County's population, which is just 8.24% of the state.**

### **STATUS OF OTHER NOVEMBER 2006 BOND FUNDING**

In November, the Mayor established a Task Force on State Infrastructure Bonds to maximize the City's receipt of state bond proceeds from the bond package approved by voters in November 2006 (1A – 1E). With over \$43 billion authorized for five bond measures (Transportation, Housing, Education, Flood Control and Resources), there are significant funding opportunities for the City.

A significant number of funding categories contained in the five bond measures will require either legislative implementation or guidelines and criteria adopted by the relevant state agency charged with overseeing the funding allocations. Most of the discussions and efforts by the Legislature and state agencies are in their preliminary stages and are open to debate and recommendation. To best position San Diego, the Mayor has directed the Task Force to make strategic advocacy recommendations.

### **To date, the Task Force has accomplished the following in preparing for advocacy:**

- Comprehensive review of all five bond measures;
- Development of project lists for each category of the bonds for which the task force had determined the city might be eligible; and
- Development of proposed criteria for sections of the bonds that require either legislative or regulatory guidelines and/or criteria.

In addition to Proposition 1B funding, the Mayor yesterday met with legislative leaders to discuss how funds from Proposition 1C would eventually be allocated. Prop 1C provides funds for affordable housing, transit oriented development and infill.

Legislative leaders have been charged with developing criteria for how funding from Prop 1C will be allocated. The Mayor's discussions with legislative leaders centered around the type of criteria San Diego would like to see developed for allocating Prop 1C funding.. Weighing in with legislative leaders while they develop the criteria is critically important because it will eventually become the basis for how the Department of Housing and Community Development determines funding allocations for specific local projects.

### **MAYOR ALSO WORKING ON WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT FUNDS**

In addition to his meetings with legislative leaders, the Mayor also met with the Director of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Lester Snow. The Mayor discussed the recent decision by DWR to change the formula used to provide local jurisdictions, like San Diego, with state funds for drinking water improvement projects. That change put San Diego in jeopardy of losing funding. Yesterday, Snow committed to the Mayor that he and DSW would work with San Diego to ensure that the City gets its anticipated share of Prop 50 funding.

Prop 50 was passed by voter in November 2002 and provides \$3.4 billion for water projects throughout the state.